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Hassayampa Field Office Trail Repairs

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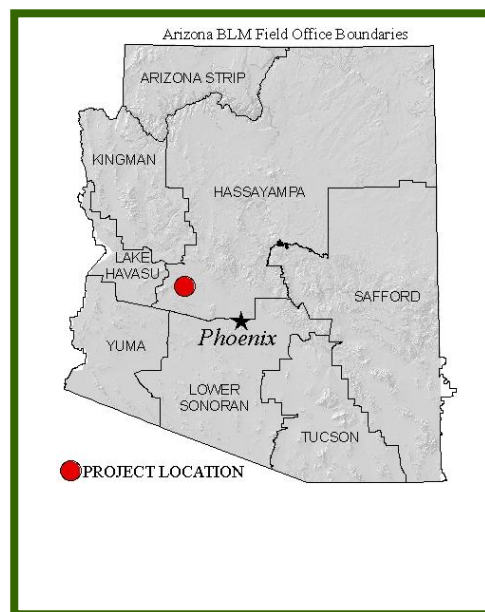
The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Hassayampa Field Office manages trails along the historic Harquahala Peak Pack, Vulture Peak, Hells Canyon (including Bell Trail, Burro Flat, Spring Valley, Horse Spring), and the Hassayampa River Canyon Wilderness Trails (including Needle, Williams, Slaughterhouse, Balancing Rock, Black Rock Mine and Treasure Canyon pathways). The Hassayampa Field Office Trail Repairs Project, one of the BLM-Arizona's America Reinvestment and Recovery Act projects, will repair 33-miles of non-motorized areas west and northwest of Phoenix in the Sonoran Desert.

Recovery Act Funding

The BLM has awarded contracts for the repair work to two Arizona youth organizations. Youth crews from the Southwest Conservation Corps of Tucson and Coconino Rural Development Corporation of Flagstaff, received \$70,200 to help repair these 33 miles of trails. During this FY10 winter work season, more than 16 miles of work have been completed on the Harquahala Peak Pack Trail, Vulture Peak Trail and Hells Canyons Trails. This included almost 2,100 person hours and employed 31 youth. Some of the tasks completed were tread maintenance; 80 feet of trail closed and revegetated, 15 rock water bars installed, 4 rock check dams installed; 18 earthen dips installed, 70 square feet of rock retaining wall installed; 51 rock steps placed, 12 rock cairns placed, 6 switchbacks maintained, 5 wood water bars installed. The remaining 17 miles of trails in Hassayampa River Canyon Wilderness will be completed in the FY 11 work season.

Benefits

This work is important to preserve and maintain safe and user friendly trails and for preserving public access to treasured historic trails. All trail remediation work will be performed by youth-oriented organizations and at-risk youth crews, providing the young people invaluable work experience and the opportunity to learn more about their environment.



More Information

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